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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes February 18, 2011**

Senators (Present = X):

<u>X</u>	E. Alozie	<u>X</u>	B. Essex	<u>X</u>	C. Mejta
	A. Andrews	<u>X</u>	S. Gandy	<u>X</u>	R. Muhammad
<u>X</u>	P. Blobaum	<u>X</u>	H. Heino		B. Parin
<u>X</u>	M. Bruce	<u>X</u>	W. Henne	<u>X</u>	W. Rudloff
<u>X</u>	M. Carrington		R. James		A. Shekib
	D. Cepa	<u>X</u>	T. Kelly	<u>X</u>	C. Tymkow
<u>X</u>	D. Cortese	<u>X</u>	J. Klomes	<u>X</u>	B. Winicki

Guests: Provost Terry Allison, Yvette Brown, Karen D’Arcy, Robert Donaldson, Marsha Katz, Fran Kostarelos, Tony Labriola, Steve Shih, Jason Zingsheim

1. Call to Order

Heino called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm, welcomed the visitors and called the roll.

2. Administration Updates and Reports

Provost Allison distributed a written update to the senators (appended to these minutes). He has sent draft concepts for a Title IIIA proposal to senators. He said that the Academic Master Plan Committee favors a social sciences focus for the proposal. Allison reported that he and Woodard have talked with two nominees for Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship. He said that a subgroup of the Committee for Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (CASLO) and a member of the Faculty Senate (Carrington) will attend an AACU conference on General Education and Assessment March 3 – 5 in Chicago; and he announced that a summer institute on High Impact Learning Practices will be held in June in Vermont. Allison announced that the dates for the HLC focus visit are April 8 – 9 2013. During the visit, HLC will be focusing on assessment of student learning outcomes and institutional effectiveness. Allison said that a search is planned to fill Stoll’s position. The new name for this position is Vice Provost for Academic Enterprise Services. Allison invited input concerning duties of the position, and perceived “gaps” that should be filled by the person in the position. Allison reported that GSU has signed an agreement with Ivy Tech in Indiana. The agreement is not for a dual degree, but establishes better articulation between Ivy Tech and GSU.

Allison then commented on his January 25 memos. He said that he stands by his written comments, and added that it was inappropriate to publicly air grievances during the Senate meeting. Allison and Woodard currently are addressing procedures used during searches. Allison said that he hopes that the Senate will focus on curricular issues rather than personnel issues. He then itemized several issues that he would like for the Senate to agendaize: items in the HLC report, course renumbering and related issues, how to plan and administer new programs that span more than one college. Allison suggested that the Senate re-examine its bylaws, and consider developing a faculty handbook. Heino replied that the Senate will address some of these issues that Allison raised. Senators and Allison discussed the search process at GSU. Heino said that the Senate will discuss the search process further during its March meeting. The Title IIIA proposal also will be placed on the agenda for March.

3. Faculty Reports

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC)

Heino distributed a written report from Shekib (appended to these minutes).

University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

Heino summarized a report from Parin. UCC has completed its work on the GSU 11/12 catalog. The committee now is considering a RNUI for a Master of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education. Although syllabi were not submitted with the RNUI, its evaluation is continuing. The UCC website has been updated with information on current proposals. Winicki added that UCC received a response to its questions about the MAT in Urban Teacher Education from Karen Peterson, and UCC will be discussing the response during its meeting next Monday (2/25/11).

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)

Gandy reported that APRC has reviewed the RNUI for the Master of Health Sciences in Addiction Counseling track. This track, consisting of 60 hours of course content, results in potential eligibility for licensure as an addictions counselor. Heino asked if the courses are new or existing. Another senator replied that three courses are new, and the remaining courses are existing. Gandy reported that APRC has asked for revisions of proposals for Masters in Accounting and Bachelors in Accounting.

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

Essex presented EPC's revisions of Policy 5, Student Grievance Policy and Procedures (appended). Interim Provost Curtis had added wording under section III. F. 3. concerning students having legal counsel present during hearings. Kennedy had suggested new wording that was clearer, and EPC adopted the new wording for section III. F. 3. EPC also made a change under section III. A., to read "when classes are in session." EPC also deleted the first three paragraphs in section III, because the wording was redundant. After discussion among senators, Blobaum made a motion to approve Policy 5 as amended by EPC. Muhammad seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Essex reported that EPC has a vacancy to be filled from Library/Digital Learning.

Graduate Studies Council

No report.

Executive Committee

Heino suggested that the Senate restructure the flow of information from standing committees. Currently, only information from EPC goes through Faculty Senate before going somewhere else. Heino suggested that information from all standing committees go through Faculty Senate first.

Heino said that voting to fill vacancies on standing committee should be completed by the end of April. Faculty Senate will not meet during June or July. A senator asked about timing for APRC'S quantitative annual review of programs. Allison replied that the Profiles of Academic Majors should be available by next week, so that APRC can use the information for its quantitative review.

Heino then asked people who were not faculty to leave the room.

4. Approval of January Senate meeting minutes

The Senate reviewed the January 2011 minutes. An amendment was made to the Executive Committee” section: to add that a motion was passed to appoint Muhammad and Winicki to UCC through the end of this academic year. Blobaum moved to approve minutes as amended. Muhammad seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Senators and visitors then discussed the *ad hoc* policy monitoring committee that was formed during the January meeting. Senators agreed that the committee’s role would be only to address the three issues that were raised during the January Senate meeting. Heino added that goals would be fact finding and reporting to the Senate. A senator suggested that the Senate could request that the BOT Policy Monitoring Committee be implemented. Another senator said that perhaps the *ad hoc* committee is not needed, and the Senate need only request that the BOT Policy Monitoring Committee be implemented. More discussion followed, including discussion of changing the name of the *ad hoc* committee. Cortese made a motion to change name of *ad hoc* committee from Policy Monitoring Committee to the *ad hoc* Policy Adherence Committee. Meijta seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote, with one “no” vote and one abstention.

5. Bargaining Unit

Katz reported that a House of Delegates meeting will be held in Chicago in March. She said that faculty should urge UPI and IFT to protect faculty pensions. She also reported that the GSU bargaining unit will form a committee to negotiate with GSU administration on summer pay for independent studies and supervision. She also said that negotiations on minima are continuing. GSU administration’s original proposal concerning minima was not accepted by the union, so the administration will prepare another proposal. Katz said that the CUE guideline committee will meet again to consider coordinator issues, and programs with professional doctorates. She also said that she has asked the Dean’s Council to update its minutes on its website, which has not been updated since March.

6. Other Business

At approximately 3:00, Muhammad made a motion that the Senate meeting be extended 15 minutes so that senators could discuss a potential response to Allison’s January 25 memos. Winicki seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Heino reported that at its last meeting the Executive Committee agreed that the Faculty Senate should respond to the memos. Heino distributed a draft of the response that Winicki and he had drafted per request by the Executive Committee. Senators discussed the draft, and proposed several changes. Henne made a motion that the Executive Committee redraft the response, following input from senators. Klomes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Essex then made a motion that the next Senate meeting be moved to March 10. Henne seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

7. Adjournment

Henne made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:25.